

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 44 without my signature.

While I believe that California should do more to develop quality teachers in the state, I vetoed a bill similar to this one last year because it was essentially duplicative of currently funded programs that assist with the recruitment and retention of teachers. Furthermore, the 2007 Budget Act does not include funding for these particular purposes, but this bill creates ongoing cost pressures estimated in the millions of dollars in order to implement.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger